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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 27TH, 1909.

On the extremely limited information back, he said, from the North Pole. which the cables gave us regarding the conclusion reached by the responsible observations which will prove that I have scientific body at Copenhagen to whom Dr. been there. But until I have told my whole | who ordered that the offender should be degraded North Pole the endorsement of a comnewspaper that they supplied Cook with fabricated nautical and astronomical obserexplorer on a polar journey. Doubtless this clumsy tale has been believed by thousands of persons, but we cannot imagine trained scientific man fully qualified to take nautical and astronomical observations, and that he had previous polar experience, could have placed the slightest credence in the story for a single moment. Messrs. LOOSE and DUNKLE made their "revelation" confessedly on the ground that "Cook had disappeared without putting up the sum of

4,000 dollars which he had pledged himself to pay for the spurious observations." We are in complete agreement with the following comment on this statement which we notice in one of our Eastern contemporaries:-"The public is bound to believe, therefore, that, had Cook been rich enough to pay this money, Messrs. Loose and Dunkle would have kept silence, and thus aided and abetted a villainous fraud. Can any credit properly be attached to the statements of men who deliberately write themselves down as rascals? Apart from this, there is the obvious consideration that Cook must be not only an unparalleled schemer, but also one of the clumsiest schemers ever

Whatever may be the truth about Cook, he has at least some courage; but, as for these men Loose and DUNKLE, who first deliberately become parties to a fraud and then in the most foreign staff of the Times, and has been for shameless manner proclaim themselves many years editor of the Indian Times. forgers because hush-money is not forthcoming, we regard them as much more contemptible sinners than Cook can be at the worst." So, we think, will most people. We have said that Cook possesses the requisite knowledge to take scientific observations. Our authority for that a statement is Dr. Strongen, Professor of Astronomy the University of Copenhagen

and Director of the Royal Observatory, by whom we were told in the papers that Dr. COOK was questioned and cross-questioned and examined as to his knowledge of the theory of astronomy and the practical use of astronomical instruments. "Professor STROMGEN," we are told, "came to the conclusion that Dr. Cook knew how to take observations and that there was no reason to doubt his assertions that he had been to the Pole, and that he possessed the requisite scientific knowledge to be able to locate it when he did reach it." That being so it is fairly evident that Cook, even if it be a fact that he did not reach it, is probably quite as competent as Captain Loose to work out the nautical and astronomical declaration that he actually did reach the Pole on April 21st, 1908, and could hardly have needed to purchase their assistance in the matter. On the other hand, If it was really necessary for him to rely on these fabricated observations to

support his claim under the scrutiny of the scientific world, is it likely that he would have "given the show away" for the sake of a sum of \$4,000, which he is alleged to have promised? Cook, since his return from the polar regions, is said to have made by lecturing and writing upwards of £80,000 before he "disappeared." silence in regard to the result of the All letters for publication should be written on investigation of his records by the Copenhagen scientists is certainly remarkable of his calumniators. Mr. STEAD, when he should be sent before 11 a.m. on day of interviewed Cook at Copenhagen after his

return from the polar regions, wrote:-"Whether Dr. Cook ever reached the North Pole or not, of one thing I am certain—he is honestly convinced that he did. . He may be suffering from a hallucination; he may have dreamed the whole thing. But he was and is incapable of conceiving so colossal a fraud as that of deceiving the whole human race by a made-up tale. Dr. Cook has never asked anyone to do more than hold judgment in suspense. His language throughout has been consistent. 'I have come I have the material in the shape of daily

Cook preferred to entrust his Polar records | story and produced my proofs I do not with a view to securing for his claim to ask you to accept the truth of my statement. have been the first man to reach the That will come in due time. When you have heard the evidence, then pronounce your petent scientific body of investigators, judgment'" That was a fair request, but we it might be yet too early to say that should much like to hear now from Dr. he is proved to be a charlatan and a Dr Cook on the announcement that the scien-ROUGEMENT. The verdict of the Copen- tists of Copenhagen have found as a matter hagen committee is that the records do not of-fact that these records do not prove his prove the claim which has been made for claim. To-day we publish a telegram stating them. It does not necessarily corroborate that Cook has been expelled from the the story recently cabled that a certain Explorers' Club of New York, following an retired navigator named Loose and an adverse report of the Committee on his claim insurance agent named Dunkle had "on- to have reached the summit of Mt. McKinley. fessed " in the columns of a New York Cook's first attempted ascent of this mountain was made in 1903 and proved a failure He made another expedition in 1906 and evitions such as would be taken by an claimed that "after a long period of nosing round the mountain" he struck a route which brought him and his companion to the top an altitude of 20,390 ft. Cook wrote a book how anyone who knew that Cook is a on the subject entitled." The Top of the Continent." His claim has been disputed

and is now "adversely reported upon" by

the Explorers' Club. So until Dr. Cook

combat the verdicts of the scientific investi-

gators, or to show cause why they should

not be accepted as conclusively disproving

his claims, he is, to use the mildest term, a

discredited man.

morning of December 9 reached a minimum of 8 degrees F., or 24 degrees of frost.

The American tourists brought their visit to a close yesterday. The Cleveland left for the North just before noon.

One thousand tins of prepared opium was seized last week on the Customs wharf a Manila. The local value of the seizure, at P228 per kilo, amounts to P31,236 and the appraised value is about P6,000, which will give a handsome reward to the native customs policemen through whose vigilance the capture was

Dr. Morrison, the Peking correspondent of the London Times, is to leave the capital on January 14 on a trip across North-China to Shenkan (New Dominion), thence to Europe. During his absence Mr. Lovat Fraser, editor of the Foreign Department of the London Times, will take his place in Peking. Mr. Loyat Fraser is one of the three editors on the

CANTON.

December 23rd. ARMED ROBBERS.

A letter from Sheung Shan states that a number of pirates took possession of the island and a village near it. These places they fortified and proceeded to terrorize the villagers and those travelling on the water. This state of affairs was reported to the Brigadier-General of the district, who sent a detachment of troops against the pirates and forced them to quit their position. Several of their boats were also captured after a hard fight.

A day or two ago a gang of over 100 wellarmed robbers looted the Tip Kow village near Fat Shan. Being disappointed in the value of their booty, they seized two persons and took them to hold for ransom. Soon after a band of the villagers headed by the local watchmen gave battle to the robbers and after a severe fight succeeded in rescuing one of the captives, who was found to be severely injured. The stone-paved roadway leading up to the village was dyed with blood and several persons were severely injured during

The Brigadier General of the Chin Chow District has wired the Viceroy to the effect observations requisite to support his that bandits having so much increased in number he intends to make a march with his troops through the various villages of the district and root out all the bad characters. He also applies McCubbin; H. W. Kilby, R. C. Barlow and B. if necessary, decapitate them.

> Three notorious robbers were conveyed from Nam Hoi Gaol to the execution ground the day before yesterday and there beheaded.

> A GREAT FESTIVAL Yesterday a public holiday was observed throughout the City, the occasion being the "Tung Tait," or festival of the Winter Solstice. All schools and colleges were given a holiday and the offices of the vernacular Press were closed There was an enormous amount of cracker firing and joss-paper burning and astill greater amount of feasting, and pork and chicken were in great demand. It is customary on this day for the provincial officials to repair to the temple in which the Imperial Tablets are kept and there offer obeisance. This year, however, the ceremony did not take place, orders from the North having cancelled it, the reason being that the Court is not yet out of mourning.

A NEW OFFICIAL.

The newly-appointed Provincial Treasurer seen to arrive and the authorities here are seeing that everything is in readiness for him. The new Treasurer is said to be an enlightened man and extremely fond of learning. It is reported that his baggage contains more than 100 cases of books. About 20 persons are travelling with him.

FROM THE ARMY.

A petty officer in charge of an outpost near Sam Shui in a fit of jealousy murdered his concubine, and was consequently taken before the Punishment Bureau for trial. The man gave very vague answers to the interrogations put to him and would not confess his guilt. The case was reported to the Viceroy, in rank and that further steps should be taken to find out the details of the girl's death.

Department. The director was negligent in the discharge of his duties, and in consequence several musical instruments vanished and have not been found. Ho blamed three-bandmasters and certain men in whose charge the instruments were placed. The affair being brought to the Viceroy's notice the director was pardoned on his expressing willingness to pay for the missing | they replied with grouns and hisses. articles, but the bandmasters and the instrument custodians have been given each a black mark.

policed and, as may be expected, the opium laws been effected. Play was of a very even nature are set at defiance. An informer has lately until the whistle sounded for the interval reported to the Provincial Military Bureau that | without any scoring taking place. a certain man keeps an opium divan where smokers (many of them being soldiers) arrest the proprietor.

The Minister of Education has directed the

chooses to emerge from his retirement to Viceroy to inform the Provincial Educational Middle no certificate will be won. examination

The temperature at Tientsin early on the | granted. The Commissioner is also ordered to reprimend the Warden and teachers of any school in which the number of failures amounts to more than one-third of the total candidates

> The private schools are also coming in for attention. Some of these institutions are by no means worthy of the name of schools, the buildings being unsuitable, the instruction meagre and the teachers incompetent. Deputies are being sent to enquire into these matters with a view to remedying the present state of

## CHRISTMAS SPORT.

CRICKET

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES. This two days' match opened on the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday is the presence of a large number of speciators. The Services' team went to the wickets first, and was disposed of for a total of 324. To this Lieut. Green contributed the excellent score of 111 and carried his bat. Captain Mayhew knocked up a useful 54, and Commander Lewis compiled 39 before succumbing to a delivery from Young. Four of the Service wickets fell to R. E. H. Oliver for 86 runs, while A. H. Young and R. E. O. Bird took three spiece, the former for 57 and the latter for 105 runs. The

scores now stand:-DNITED PERVICES. Commander Noble, a Elberough, b Bird ... 30 Staff-Sergt. Power, b Bird ........ Capt, Baird, o and b Oliver....... 5 Capt, Garnett, o Makin, b Oliver...... Lt. Bagnall, at Hancock, b Bird . ....... 17 Flag-Lt. Mullineaux, c Pearce, b Young... 13 Total ......324 Bowling Analysis.

R. E. O. Bird ....... 23 R. E. H. Oliver ...... 21 . 3 A. C. Leith ...... 7 A. H. Young ...... 9.4
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FOOTBALL.

Friendly H.K.F.C. \*. H.M.S. "KING ALFRED." This match was played on the Club Ground immediately after the American game Saturday, and a large crowd of spectators was Genoa. present. The teams were:-

H.K.F.C.:—A. Gregory; E. F. Aucottand J. for permission to try offenders on the spot and, Chapman; A. Aitchison and I. L. Goldenberg; A. Hamilton; A. Whitmersh and J. Danby.

King Alfred :- Tugwell; Haw and Erhlech McBean; Bevan and Richardson; Steele and Fleming; Reid; Evans and Hobbs,

The Club were first to be aggressive, Hamilton and Goldenberg with a combined effort carrying the ball up to Tngwell, but he cleverly cleared his charge and punting out Haw saved the situation by driving well up the field. Reid and Fleming gave the Club defence a lot of trouble, and on one occasion McCubbin had to retire to attend to his knee, which was injured in his jumping to clear the ball. Returning to | injured. the attack the Club quintette gave a pretty exhibition of combination, and the run fittingly terminated in Hamilton finding the net. Evans equalised for the King Alfred before the interval with a magnificent drive from a difficult angle, and no further scoring taking place the game ended in a drawn game, two goals being divided. The flagship tried a new back in Erhlech, who acquitted himself in a most satisfactory manner, and Evans made his reappearance in place of Lee.

Small Ships' League. H.M.S. "WHITING" & H.M.S. "JANUS."

This match was played on the Naval Ground on Saturday and resulted in an easy win for the Whiting by five goals to nil. The goal scorers were Holcombe one, Edgar one, and Sullivan three. One of the goals scored by Sullivan was from a penalty for hands against the right back of the Janus.

AMERCAN RUGBY.

Teams from U.S.S. Pennsylvania and U.S.S. West Virginia met in a "Rugger" match on the Club Ground on Saturday afternoon. A crowd which must have numbered All is not harmony in the Military Music at least two thousand, and at times made enough noise for twenty thous and, was present, and for the forty minutes the game lasted the wildest excitement prevailed. The opening of the game was the signal for the supporters of the West Virginia to give vent to a club yell, and the challenge was taken up by the supporters of Pennsylvania in the open stand, and

The ball having been set in motion by the Virginians both teams at once adopted blocking tactics and the players were soon heaped in The locality known as Sai Chuen is not yet the centre of the field, a "down" having

The recommencement of operations saw the Pennsylvanians on the attack, and from a well allowed to indulge freely in the drug. On the directed pass one of the wing players was successrare occasions when the place has been searched ful in taking the ball to touch and downing it. resistance has always been given to the The ensuing kick was a very poor one, and the authorities. The Anti-Opium Bureau has Pennsylvanians had to be content with five points. directed the Nam Hoi magistrate; to send a From the kick-off the Pennsylvanians were again sufficient force to the place to seal it up and on the attack and before time was called added eight more points, making their total thirteen points to nil. Those who did not understand the game had no difficulty in following the score, as the reserve men patrolled the line declaring the number of points for their team their term of instruction in the and calling encouragement to the players with are to be examined great enthusiasm. After the game the winning team was photographed with the cup which ther

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EXPELLED FROM THE NEW YORK EXPLORERS' CLUB.

London, December 25th. It is reported from New York tha the committee of the Explorers' Club, which has been investigating Dr. Cook's claim that he climbed Mt. McKinley, has reported adversely. Dr. Cook has been expelled from the Club.

GERMAN DECORATION FOR A JAPANESE OFFICER.

London, December 25th. A Berlin telegram states that the Kaiser has conferred the Order of the Red Eagle, Second Class, on Major-General Makamura, serving in North

THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

LONDON, December 25th. President Taft has received Mr Uchida, the new Japanese Minister to Washington.

> THE CHINESE NAVAL COMMISSION,

London, December 25th. The Chinese Naval Commissioner have inspected the shippards

London, December 26th. The members of the Commission are now at Rome.

> TRAIN COLLISION IN EUROPE.

London, December 26th. The Prague-Vienna express came into collision with a goods train at They have not discovered Him. Many of them Chotzen (Bohemia).

Ten persons were killed and 28

OBITUARY.

London, December 26th. The death is announced of ex-Inspector Stanton, of the Hongkong

Detective-Inspector Stanton was one of the fficers dismissed from the force in 1897—at the time of the famous Police Scandal-for gross neglect of duty in not reporting a common gaming house in Wa Lane.]

Without unseemly self-gratulation, says Manila contemporary, Manila may speak proudly of the way her people rose to the occasion of the visit of Clarke's tourist part—the first big party of American tourists to visit the capital of the Philippines.

It is good to find, says the Foochow Echo,

That the once popular Amateur Dramatic and Musical Society of Foochow bids fair to be given a new lease of life under the newly- King," Health to our officers and their appointed Committee and has actually advertised that it is putting on the boards two farces next week. Although these farces—Betsy Baker and B.B.—are by no means new, still they are the N. C. Os'. messes and men's quarters' sufficiently old to be fresh and are such as will enable Mr. Collins, to whom the resuscitation of the Society is almost entirely due, to form some opinion as to the amount of taleut on which he may draw for further and ambitious plays in the future. Our contemporary adds :-- We can confidently predict that should next Tuesday's results prove sufficiently satisfactory to him and his confreres that he and they will not be behindhand in arranging for the staging of plays more in accordance with the best traditions of the Society. The older residents of the port will call to mind the plays staged in more palmy days, when we had a goodly number of keen actors and actresses from which to select caste, and will understand that things theatrical have, like others in this part declined . But still, we feel sure, that now operations have been once resumed there will be a continuance of movement in the local dramatic talent, and we look forward with confidence to the presentation of many more plays in th near future for the enlivenment of the community. What the Society wants is some evidence that their efforts to amuse are appreciated, and we feel certain that such evidence will be forthcoming during the time the curtain is up on "Betsy Baker" and "B.B," no only because the community will feel that is their duty to do so, but from a feeling of genuine pleasure at the performance."

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.

Christmastide in Hongkong passed with the usual rejoicings. The weather was fine and bracing, and many people took advantage of it to enjoy themselves out of doors. There were réunions round numerous festive boards, and dull care, for the nonce, was laid aside as "the compliments of the season" were exchanged. The sport at the Valley proved more interesting than usual, for in addition to the British games which took place, there were matches at American Rugby and baseball, provided by the crows of the American warships in port. On the ground of the premier oricket club, a two days' match between the United Services and a Club team was started, and this will conclude to-day.

The Sunday intervening between Christmas and the Boring Day Holiday gave a longer cessation from business than ordinarily, and the relaxation was enjoyed by most people. Of course the young folks received no little attention, and Christmastide proved very joyous indeed to them.

Services were held in most of the churches. Tommy Atkins celebrated the occasion in and out of barracks, and the men on the warships were all united in observing the great Christian festival.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

The Christmas morning service was attended by an exceptionally large congregation, and the full choral service was beautifully rendered. Dr. Elgar's festival Te Deum in F was given by the choir, and the anthem sung was West's "With All Thy Hosts." The Bishop of Victoria preached an appropriate and interesting sermon, and the collections were taken on be alf of the Diocesan Girls' Home and Orphanage.

Yesterday both services were well attended, that in the evening being fully choral, with Mr. Denman Fuller at the organ.

Y'MAS AMONG THE SAILORS AND SOLDIERS. On X'mas morning there was a service at the Wesleyan Church, which was chiefly a parade service for sailors and soldiers, but a good number of civilians were present.

The Rev. J. A. A. Baker chose for his text "She laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn," and showed how this picture of the Christ born in a manger because there was no room for him in the inn is still true in a higher sense in modern life. In our age. said the preacher, there is a lack of a strenuous effort after great ideals, there is little time spent in "religious exercises" by the average man, and though sporting news and political news is rightly followed closely, the great war of light against darkness and the progress of the Christian forces in that fight is followed only from afar. Thus Christ is crowded out of modern society; time is so fully spent in other things that the chief things are forgotten. The reason is the same as of old. They did not know who they were putting up at the inn or they would have made great preparations. To-day men think they can do without Christ. know the Christ of tradition, but not the Christ as Ho was. There is a veil over Him and over their own heart which makes the vision dim.

At the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home there was a K'mas dinner arranged for the men by Mr. and Mrs. Pepperell, and in the evening an impromptu concert was given by the men. The Home was splendidly decorated for the occasion Paper chains and mistletoe were greatly in evidence, the manager and his wife having spent a good deal of time on this to ensure that the men should have as good a substitute as possible for their own homes.

AT THE NAVAL YARD.

The men of the Naval Yard held the usual sports' meeting at the Happy Valley, and extended a real Christmas welcome to their guests. After an enjoyable morning's outing principals and visitors returned to the police quarters in the Yard, where an excellent dinner was partaken of, and as glasses clinked the toast of the season was honoured. BEJOICINGS IN BARRACKS.

Throughout the barracks of the Colony the season of peace and goodwill was joyonsly celebrated. The halls and rooms in which the festivities were held were artistically decorated, the walls bearing the legends "Long live the families," and "Health to our comrades at home and abroad." The various Officers Commanding visited the barracks at noon and proceeded to where the toast "Our Officers" was honoured in the usual enthusiastic manner, and the C. Os. suitably replied. In many of the barracks the day's festivities were succeeded by a "smoker" in the evening, when "wine and song" kept those present merry until the midnight hour.

ON THE U.S.S. "PENNSYLVANIA." The crow of the U.S.S. Pennsylvania hold a smoking concert and boxing contest aboard that ship on Christmas Eve, and extended invitations to the crows of warships of even nationality in port. The entertainment was diproughly enjoyed by all who attended, for Americans were lavish in their hospitality and left nothing undone to give their guests a real

Sugar affairs, remarks a Manila contemporary, are looking up in Panay as a result of the passage of the Payne bill. Messrs. Evans and Weinstein of Passi have already ordered from the United States a modern six-roller sugar mill which will be operated by a 35 horse-power engine. The mill will be installed on their Passi estate. There are some old-fashioned three-roller mills now in operation in the district, but it is expected that with a modern mill it will be possible not only to grind the cans of the Passi estate but much of that grown in the neighbourhood.

### RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

The same to you. And many of them!

While we don't have the picturesque and unpleasant accompaniments of a Home Christmas, we are infinitely better off in respect of the dry bracing weather and warm sunshine which make us feel more agreeable than would otherwise be the case if we were shivering with cold. One can feel better disposed towards his fellows and join in the "goodwill on earth" sentiments when one is comfortable himself, and judged from that point of view our Christmases here must be considered more successful than those at Home.

Besides, Christmas here frees us somewhat from the traditions of the past. Realising that an old-fashioned Christmas is impossible we frankly make the most of the conditions as they are, rather than as they used to be, with the result that instead of Christmas becoming an indoor festival as at Home, we make it more enjoyable by constituting it an outdoor festival. Of course the Christmas cheer is appreciated indoors, and with a fire lighted just for the look of the thing what more could anyone wish?

It was truthfully remarked in the Press that for two or three days our thoroughfares were Americanised, and in consequence of the great incursion of tourists our streets were busier than usual. All available vehicles were in demand and the casual observer might have thought that the visitors would leave a mint of money behind them. But not so. In that respect they were a distinct departure from the typical American tourist who distributes his money with a lavish hand. These folks showed the great attribute which is supposed to characterise the Scot in looking after the bawbees, and it is safe to assert that they did not spend a cent more than they needed I am not finding fault with them. Don't to that grown in the Shanghai district, the misunderstand me. There is no particular merit in paying more for a thing than it is worth or buying a thing you don't want. All want to point out is that when a body Americans are expected in a place it is also expected that they will make some folks realise that they come from the land of dollars.

The mistaken notion with regard to the visitors was that they were American millionaires. As we know, millionaires do not travel in crowds like the present lot of excursionists. who, after all, were nothing more than shrewd business people who had to work hard for their money and who meant to get the most out of what they spent. This aspect will be understood when I mention the yarn which preceded the visitors from Colombo and Singapore. At the former port they had dinner at a certain hotel. | China, actively engaged in turning out yarn The catering had of course been arranged beforehand, but it was thought the visitors would leave some money behind in the shape of payments for extras. But would you believe it? Out of that large company only seven rupees fifty cents were received. They all went strong on iced water, which cost nothing. The word was duly passed on to Singapore, where the visitors were informed that the water was very bad. The result was that there was a greater demand for other liquors than there had been /in Colombo. What happened in Hongkong dare not say. The water might have been good, or it might not.

Another story of the same kind. American visitor was noticed in altercation with a ricsha coolie, and a local gentleman thought it behaved him to see that the stranger was not fleeced. Accordingly he went up to the pair and asked what the matter was. The American explained that the Chinaman wanted more than he had offered him, and the Hong. kongita, who could areak Chinese, asked the coolie where he had taken the fare. The reply was that he had been taken round the Happy Valley and Causeway Bay, and the remuneration presented was five cents!

However, the chair coolies were more fortunate as was indicated in a paragraph in the D.P. a few days ago. Apropos, of this paragraph which related how the Peak chair coolie fleeced, the American tourists by dropping the chairs halfway up the hill to the Flagstaff and demanding extertionate fares, a story is told that one of the patriarchal members of the party was seen at the entrance to the tram station taking farewell of the coolies in words, which are not strictly "according to book," but sound impressive enough: "I was a stranger, and ye took me in-badly" (no capital B, Mr. Printer). The Captain Superintendent of Police was not present at the time, or greater emphasis may have been laid on the word italicised.) The coolies hadn't the excuse of the old Scotch ferryman who is depicted in the current number of Punch demanding his fare in the full of a storm on the plea that it was impossible to say whether in such a sea they would get safely

Last week I remarked on the protracted drought, which has now entended over two months and has dried up most of the vegetation. Conditions are as bad as ever, the "wet" time during the holidays not having made any appreciable difference.

His Excellency the Governor regretted the other day that he had not been taught shorthand as a boy. It's never too late to learn. know several good teachers in Hongkong.

The present is well named the festive season. The entertainments, public and private, and dances are numerous enough to please the most ardent worshipper at the shrine of pleasure.

Hongkong ladies are, speaking generally, rather partial to bridge, like their sisters elsewhere, but I have never heard husbands here making the same complaints that are being ventilated in the Press down Penang way. One letter is worth quoting. It runs as follows:

"Dear Sir,-If I had a wife who was continually gadding about to bridge on that account, neglecting the work of our house and the care of our children, I would not write, whining, to the public Press, advertising my inability to cope with the case. A firm hand should be sufficient to put this sort of thing down, and that treatment I recommend to the two aggrieved weaklings whose plaint you Saturday.-Yours truly, " Benedict."

How is the firm hand to be applied? In private? Are they to be dealt with in the same way as a refractory child? "Benedict's" bombastic style suggests the courageous bachelor who knows how to treat wives better than the man who "has gone and done it." Old maids children are, we know, well behaved.

I heard a good Christinas story. A Hongkong man paid a visit to Kowloon, where he was lucky enough to win a turkey in a goose club, and carried it to the ferry in great glee anticipating the pleasurable surprise of his better half. However, much to his dismay the turkey emerged from the basket while on the launch and flew overboard, never to be seen again by | the question on the spot about 60 years ago, | in the direction of Tibet are that there is a doubt the winner. He did not look so happy when he carried an empty backet ashore at Hongkong. RODERICK RANDOM.

#### THE COTTON INDUSTRY OF CHINA

An American Consular Report from Shangha says the cultivation and manufacture of cotton It is generally conceded that the area devoted procure the appointment for their own nominee, clever. He can repeat many things about to the cultivation of cotton is only exceeded by that devoted to silk and tea. The country adjacent to Shanghai is the principal cottonproducing district in China for bulk and grade, the staple being about 23.5 millimetres (1.0) inches) in length. Hankow and Ningpo are also important centres, but the quality is inferior staple measuring only about 20 millimetres (0.787 inch). Of the cotton exported Japan takes about 90 per cent. The native staple being short and unsuited to the machines in use American mills, it is not expected to compete with the home product for spinning. It is however, well adapted for filling and short end work, such as the manufacture of rugs, carpets, curtains, etc., and this is the market it is Britain, Germany and Italy is used principally religious rites the urn is shaken, and the first fore should believe this reincarnation to be the hoped to secure. That exported to Great for such work, and there is an increasing demand for it in those countries. The total exports of raw cotton in 1907 amounts to 131,707,731 pounds, valued at £2.670.000. against 83,780,750 pounds, valued at £1,350,000 in 1908. The Chinese customs valued the present-day one, who is the thirteenth. But Haikwan tael at 79 cents in 1907, and at authentic details in regard to the origin of the 65 cents in 1908, which accounts for a proportionate share in the deceased value for 1908.

A large percentage of the staple remaining in the country finds its way to the cotton-spinning power mills, of which there are now 17 in for the native market. Chinese cotton is whiter than Indian, and the product of the Shanghai mills is superior in colour and cleanness to either Japanese or Indian yarn, but, beingrehorter in staple, it is not so strong; nor is it so well reeled, owing to the lowclass of labour employed. The number spindles in the 27, mills is, approximately, 750,000, and the production per spindle, working day and night, is from 11 to 13 ounces. addition to the spinning mills, there are at least 10 cotton-seed oil mills located at Shanghai, Hankow, and Tungchow. The seed of the Chinese cotton is much smaller than the American, and American machines, especially the hullers, do not give the best results. For this reason one foreign mill in Shanghai has recently replaced certain American machines by others of British manufacture. The seed is also of interior quality, and worth only from £2-4 to £2-12 per ton. Its percentage yield is as follows: Crude oil, which loses 14 per cent. in refining process, 8; cake, 43; lint, 1; dirt. 1; hull. 47. The oil in its crude state is used for cooking and illuminating. In the refined state it is exported to foreign countries principally to Australia, where it is used as an adulterant for butter and lard. There is considerable demand for the hull, which is used entirely for fertilizing purposes, and for which the Chinese former pays about 8s. per ton. The seed cake which is also in good demand. is utilised for cattle food, and is worth from £1:6 to £2.4 per ton. There is little demand for the lint. The dirt is also bought by the farmers for fertilising purposes, and brings about 9s per ton. native mills, operating native machinery, and the one foreign mill have been successful. Considerable cotton seed is sent out of the country. principally to Japan. The Japanese, who are

the principal buyers of raw cotton, are deeply interested in the betterment of the local product and there is now a movement on foot, which it successful, will improve its grade to such an extent that we may look for a great falling off in the export of American-grown-cotton in Japan. A Japanese firm began experiments last year at Kangwang, province, of Kiangsu, with cotton seed obtained from several countries. Seeds from India and Japan gave poor results. The American seeds, however, has produced a cotton greatly superior to the native. The starle is good, but the colour, owing to heavy rains, is poor. If future trials are successful seeds will be distributed to the farmers gratis. The Japanese hope in this way to procure a cotton of American grade which they can purchase at a low price and lay down in their own country with small cost for

transportation. This accomplished. American cotton will only be bought by Japan when her requirements exceed China's production. Most of the cotton is grown on small farms of 5 to 7 acres. The whole family engages itself in the cultivating, and work as many as 12 hours a The implements used in the cultivation are of a rude type. The wooden-frame plow, with an iron blade, is drawn by cows and buffalces. The hoe used corresponds to the American adre. The method used in raising water for irrigation is by a pump consisting of a string of cups, sometimes operated by animals. A rade sickle is used for cutting. Transportation about the fields is done on human backs, while the haul to the market is done by wheelbarrow. Small. ditches, fed by creeks, surround the fields for Tevidently the great Lama temple of Peking, irrigation. The ground is broken twice a year, in spring and autumn. The plants grow to or 7 feet in height; and the crop is gathered in September or October. About 60 per cent of the cotton is manufactured by native process In the treaty ports most of the cotton is sold to foreign manufacturers. The shipment of American cotton into China can be accomplish. | persons therefore must abide by his command. ed only when the crop is poor. Even then most of the cotton is brought in from India. The American cotton is too expensive to under Tibet's own saints, and it appears to have compete with the local product.

#### THE TRANSMIGRATIONS OF THE DALAI LAMA.

(FROM THE "TIMES" COBBESPONDENT.)

That any human agency should arrogate to itself authority over the soul seems, at first eight, an astounding stretch of the usually concoived limits of psychology, yet this is what Grand Lama of Lhass. China, for political usurped a preponderating share in the control of in series, one by one according to the custom of transmigation of the soul of the Dalai Lama. incarnation, namely, Nag-bang-Lo-biang Gyabased upon the assumption that the Dalai Wen, the Manchu, A.D. 1684), the Dalai Lama Lama, the head of the Buddhist Church in | sent a delegate as an envoy to reside perman-Central Asia and the temporal sovereign of Tibet, is a "Living Buddha" who has become | time the rarest products of the country. After perpetually reincarnate on earth in order to preside over his Church, and whose spirit passes on from the body of one Grand Lama to that of in the ninth year of Chia Ching. Before the which each new hierarch is but a fresh link in fresh incarnation (was found) the the endless chain of an earthly priest-kingship. Thus, on "the passing away," as the physical death of the Grand Lama's body is called, the spirit of the deceased Lama is believed to enter forthwith the body of a newly-born male infant, Abbot of Gahldan), did their utmost for the who is then to be sought for and discovered by the manifestation of miraculous powers. of the reflected apparition of Buddha. And these latter are usually forthcoming in to the peace of the State, it seems to me, has suzerainty, was forced to undertake the leading part in controlling the reincarnation of the Grand Lama in order that the "rebirth" will be directed into the channels approved of by the

of the picture or tablet of the Emperor of obtained it by inheritance. No deceit is possible Chinese Minister at Lhasa, the names of the competing children are placed into a golden also to recognize his kingdom. The Ho-thog-tu the purpose, and after prayers and other is the genuine reincarnation. All people therename drawn out by the Chinese Minister is true one? declared officially to be the true reincarnation. This ordeal is known to have been used for the selection of the eleventh Grand Lama in A.D. 1941—that is, the second hierarch before the practice do not appear to have been elicited hitherto.

THE EDICT OF CHIA CHING. Whilst I was in Lhasa with the late expedition, I found there an important edict of the Emperor Chia Ching, dated A.D. 1808, and engraved on tablets at the door of the great temple of Buddha, the Jo-Kang. It gives an authoritative account not only of the lottery by the urn, but also of the origin of the reincarnstion theory of succession, on which the Grand Lama bases his claim of temporal as well as spiritual sovereignty. It is written in the Tibetan language, and prescribes the urn also for the selection of the Mongolian Grand Lama at Urga on the Siberian frontier-for there is now a tripod of Grand Lamas, the Dalai with temporal severeignty at Lhass, the Panchen at Tashilhunpo in the west, and the Mongol at Urga in the extreme north. The edict, after a few preliminaries, proceeds

The doctrine of Buddha came from India, with the approval of the Great Lord-Father, it Hindusitan (sic), and spread into the eastern land of Tibet. Those who take orders in Tibet | be removed. In the future, however, such are called "learners" (grva-pa). The Lord- miraculous signs cannot be expected again, so Father (i.e., the Emperor) himself hears Bud- the former custom of the urn is to be followed, dha's religion and practises it in the Tibetan and the children's names written down and the language. The omniscient one of the religion urn shaken. If this is done there will be no of purity (the Dalai Lama) is called Lama, deception whatever. This record is written "the Superior One," that is the Heashang | holding to the old records as the foundation for of China. On the passing away of the Lams, the procedure. It is compiled in the eighth the one born in his stead is called "the incarnation of the emanation" (sprul-sku); this in of the reign of Chia Ching (A.D. 1808). the Chinese language is called So-so-i, which means "the accepted one born without, panegyric is devoted mainly to praising ing of the birth-elements of the reincarnation, the assembly of the clergy prays before the reincarnation of the former Lama is identified means of the drawing of lots. In his childhood the reincarnated Lama practises virtue and purity, and when he grows older he receives a religious name and works for the doctrine of the yellow-hats (the dominant sect). He loves all living things without partiality, and all

human beings believe in him, and have great

faith in the doctrine of the yellow-hats. In identifying the incarnation, however, there has been deceit and error on several occasions, owing to the mistaken recognition of one as an incarnation who was not truly such; and many incarnations have been produced from one particular family, so that the succession became like that of a temporal ruler, who retains the rank fixedly (in one family) and leading believers in Buddha's doctrine to less faith. The Lord-Father, the Emperor, has (now) prevented such occurrences (fortthe future) and thus has brought happiness over the land of Tibet. To save the country from being (further) cheated by selecting as a pure rebirth one that is the (ordinary) movement of impure desire, he has deposited at Lhasa a golden urn, as the means of holding on its surface the lineage of the great (rightful) incarnation at the inquiry. After having performed all the religious rities in accordance with former custom, and in keeping with the instructions of the divine Lama. name-tablets of the children candidates for golden urn. Then the Dalal Lama (if the inquiry be with regard to the Panchen Erteni, the Grand Lama of Tashilhunpo) or the Panchen Erteni (if the inquiry be, as it is here, with reference to the Dalal Lama), along with all the great ministers of Tibet should assemble and take out the name tables to identify the reinearnation. In the case of the Mongolian (incarnation) the name-tables should be placed which bears this name), and the incarnation must be identified in the presence of the Mongol leaders, the Chinese prefect, and the entire crowd of those who have interests in the matter. The Emporor, the Lord-Father, himself sympathizes. with this religion and issues these commands in accordance with the customs of this faith. All DOCTRINE OF THE YELLOW-HATS.

The doctrine of the yellow hats spread at first spread from the commencement of the reign of

the Emperor Yon-kree, the King of Hor. The ! great Tson-k'a-pa (about A.D. 1356-1441), the and manner engrossed almost all my atmaster of the yellow-hat doctrine, had two | tention. He was at the time about seven spiritual sons. One was the worshipful Dalai | years old, and had the simple, unaffected Lams (of Lhasa), and one was the Panchen | manner of a well-educated princely child. Lama (of Tashilhunpo). The Dalai Lama was | His face I thought poetically and affectingly the chief spiritual son and his (personal) name

the Panchen Lama, was named China attempts in regard to the soul of the K'as-grub Ge-leg-Pal-Zang-po. Beginning from Go-dun-grub, the doctrine-holder of the reasons, as has been known for some time, has | yellow-hats, the bodily births took place what the Tibetan Buddhists believe to be the the religion. During the time of the fifth For the system of hierarchic succession in mtso, in the seventh year of the reign of our Tibet has, for several hundred years, been forefather the Emperor The chung (Tai-Taung ently at Kwan-hung, and offered at the same that there were two incarnations (the sixth and seventh) and the eight Dalai Lama passed away perial Secretary (of the Chinese Emperor),

Ho-thog-tu evidently intended Mongolia Metropolitan Lama Peking), and the Abbot Lama (doubtless the doctrine and prayed for the early return ahead

In the first month of the present year (A.D. such an almost supernatural manner that even 1808) the great Resident Minister of Tibet the sober; unemotional Abbé Huc, investigating | named Yulnang-chan reported: "The difficulties declared his belief in the genuineness of the as to which is the perfect and right advent of the miracles, and his conviction that they were sacred personage amongst nine children. The "not due to Lama imposture," but were a Imperial Secretary, the Ho-thog-tu, has examinsupernatural device of Satan himself to delude ed these children and has found three of the heathen and oppose the spread of Christianity. | them to be miraculous. Amongst these, the The interregnum, however, between the death | son of T'u-si-tan-'dsin, a defender of the Faith, of one Grand Lama and the discovery of the of the religious circle of Kham, was born on next reincarnation became, as might be expected, the first day of the second month of the period of dangerous political intrigue between | wooden-bull year (A.D. 1805). He is now under rival factions of turbulent lamas, each striving to four years of age, but yet is extraordinarily and leading on several occasions to disastrous | religion, and clearly remembers the birth of the war. This constantly recurring menace | fifth Dalai Lama (191 years ago!), and recognizes the thunderbolt-sceptro and bell of that been the reason why China, in virtue of her | Dalai Lama, so that all classes of men, high and low, in China and Tibet are astonished. Panchen Erteni also has visifed Lhasa, and having obtained proofs is delighted and believes in him. I. Yul-ning-chan, also have tested him and found that he is wanting nothing in As her estensible means of determining the strength and power, also that he possesses all the

true rebirth" China has established the wisdom which His Sublimity the former Dalai ordeal of "the lottery by the urn." In front Lama had, and it seems to me that he has China, and in the presence of the resident in this case, as this reincarnated candidate has been able to state clearly concerning his death, urn, presented by the Emperor Chien-Lung for | is unchangeably fixed in his conclusion that this

By the sunbeam spell of the Compassionate Lord, the master of mysticism. The son of the Jina (i.e., Buddha) is inherently good and saves thousands of his

Whenever there is difficulty in finding him, The augury of the urn should be consulted. O minister of the interior lands, attendant of the five times fortunate one

Rejoice that the highest born messenger (or Messiah)from the Gya-nom paradise is en-May happiness be complete! and new feasts

and unbounded praise Be given on hearing these glad tidings of the Compassionate One! EXCEPTIONAL PROCEDURE.

Then, after an enumeration of the presents bestowed on the new Grand Lama as the incarnation of the Compassionate One (i.e., Avalokita, the patron saint of Tibet) by the Emperor of China, the edict proceeds:-

If such beneficent deeds by the Lord-Father (the Emperor) for the benefit of all living things are to be continued, the golden urn must be employed, as it removes all doubts and errors, and so keeps the doctrine of Buddha pure. In the present case. was not used, because there were no doubts to month of the earth-dragon year of the 13th year

Now, it is noteworthy that although this confusion or doubt." Before the sprout- The efficacy of the urn-lottery, it appears have been issued, not with the object of introducing this form of procedure, image of Buddha and makes careful inquiry in but to justify an exceptional departure thereevery direction. The child who is born as the from. The urn, we know from the Chinese annals, had been presented by the Emperor by the assembled "defenders of the Faith" by Chien Lung in the year A.D. 1793, and so had not yet been resorted to. The reason for China dispensing with the urn

ordeal in this instance was no doubt owing to the notoriously unsatisfactory personal characters of

immediate touch with the fifth Grand Lama. incarnation directly on to the fifth is made clear carried out in tucked gold net made over zeal, and unquestioned ability to an organisawhen we consider what manner of persons the white satin. This lovely gown would be tion to help the blousemakers still on strike, sixth to the eighth Dalai Lamas were. On the effective if brown feathers were substituted and with every prospect of success. death of the fifth Dalai Lama, who was the first | for the sable, but, of course, the lovely golden to seize the temporal sovereignty, the lay brown tints of sable, however rich and dark, governor of Lhasa, who is generally alleged to are of the greatest value in a composition such have been the Dalai's natural son, ambitious as this. to be the ruler of the country, which at that time was much larger than it is now, and practically independent of China, kept the death a secret for 16 years, and ruled in his stead successor to him the Chinese set up a nominee

eighth also was accepted with misgivings. edict, as "erroneous" reincarnations, and the ninth is especially displayed as a "true" rebirth in A.D. 1811 by Charles Lamb's friend Thomas Manning (who supplied the material for the famous "Essay on Reast Pig"), who, describing his reception at Lhasa says :-

The Lama's leantiful and interesting face beautiful was Ge-dun-grub-pa. The second spiritual unbending in a graceful smile which illuminated his whole countenance. . . . whether I had not met with molestations and

difficulties on the road, &c. If China indulged the hope of restoring by all these precautions the strong and vigorous rule of the fifth Dalai, she was doomed to speedy disappointment, for this promising boy was assassinated five years later by his regent; and several of his successors to the ill-starred Grand Lamaship we know shared the same sad fate.

#### FASHIONS AND FANCIES.

Zenobia often reviles our countrywomen for neglecting their opportunities for displaying patriotism in the matter of shopping. Too many of us seem to prefer even a shoddy, inferior thing if only it be foreign. Take the case of English brocades. In colour and texture, to say nothing of durable qualities, they can compete with the looms of all the world, not excepting the Orient, whose weavers have had their taste vitiated by our aniline dyes. Yet to Paris goos the feather-headed beauty for her brocade. Why should she? Of course, one cannot expect patriotism from a butterfly woman, but unfortunately she looks so sweetly pretty in everything she puts on that others who ought to have more sense go to Paris too, in the hope of looking a little bit like her. And good English money, so sadly needed at home, goes abroad with them.

PATRIOTIC INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION. Here is a fine occasion for a display of patriotism afforded by the Union Jack Industries League, who have a sale of Britishmade presents on at this moment at St. George's Hall Mount-street. It remains open till to-morrow evening. entirely of articles made in the British Isles, the self-governing Colonies, and the Crown Colonies, and all are suitable for Christmas An enormous variety of tempting things are here arrayed for purchasers, and those who "cannot think what to buy for presents" will find any number of suggestions and many very beautiful and uncommon things, besides the opportunity of shopping patriotically THE REST GOWN.

The rest gown has a happy, tempting sound It has, to a certain extent, deposed the ten-gown and is made on simpler lines, being consequently easier to get into. Velveteen is the favourite material for these gowns just now during the all pervading rage for velvet. Its humbler sister is now so soft and lustrous in finish, so like velvet itself in texture, that there is no suggestion whatever of humility or cheapness about it It is made in very artistic colours, and is peculiarly suitable for rest gowns at a season when warmth is an essential quality. A very graceful one in dull heliotrope, a fascinating shade and particularly becoming, is made with long lines from the shoulders, managed by bretelles of the velveteen carried up over an under bodice (though made all in one, a characteristic of the rest gown) of dull rhododendron pink chiffon over white, rather full and puffed. The sleeves are slashed in the same way, and the long, lines of the gown itself are outlined by dull gold galon with a little embroidery of cream colour for relief. Another sweet gown, entirely reposeful, is in faint grey-blue silk cashmers, the waist rather short, but with straight lines in front, and fastening up the left side on the shoulder and the whole way to the hem with little tabs of oxidised silver galon. A little chemisette of oxidised silver over gold rises in a high collar. Most of the rest gowns are low-necked, but this one is an exception.

THE POST OFFICE AND BANDBOKES. The huge hat has been afflicting the post office and postmen for some two years, and at last the authorities of St. Martin's-le-Grand have opened their eyes to the circumstances of the case, and issue regulations accordingly. Millinery sent through the post must expect adventures, especially when it has to be carried by rural postmen on bicyles along muddy lanes. with motors crashing round every corner. But at least the senders might observe the regulations as to size in sending out these bandboxes. That they neglect to do so is cruelty to the postmen, and a real cause of lamentation to the recipient. The contents of a smashed-up cardboard box cannot be expected to be spick and span. Many milliners use wooden cases. THE TURNED-UP HAT.

But the immense hat and its travelling envelope will soon be things of the past. The joyful discovery has been made that the wide brim turned up almost anyhow has a knack of being deliciously becoming. The fascinating part of it is that it can be turned up at home by the aid of a few veil-pins and the looking-glass. Hair, so pretty and so burnished, reappears at Stokes, where marriage with the millionaire last, after having been hidden away for two | philanthropist and settlement worker, the

THE GOWN OF COLD. Yellow has been creeping back to favour of labour. "Friends and comrades," she said, during the last season or two, and it will be addressing the girls, "I've been in your ranks the pontificial throne, combined probably also much seen in evening-dress and in smart and know your troubles, and I'll help with some confidence in the hereditary fitness afternoon reception and visiting dress this you to the best of my ability. I was a child of this selected candidate, who, as the son of winter. A good example of the gown of gold of the Ghetto in Whitechapel, London, a "defender of the Faith," from Kham on is seen in one of which the underskirt is in and I've been a cigar roller in a tobacco the Chinese frontier, must have been of noble golden-yellow cloth, made long and clinging, factory in Ohio, and I know, therefore, what birth; so that his election was not to be and bordered with sable. The upper gown is poverty means. I know your sacrifice, and I jeopardized by the less certain alternative of all embroidery in gold upon gold tissue, much know that your wages are not sufficient for your the lottery. In this regard, it is to be noted of the work raised in relief, and so closely modest need." Since Mrs. Stokes intervened, how especial pains have obviously been taken sewn that the tissue forming the ground is 15,000 girls have returned to work with better in the edict to disregard the sixth to the eighth scarcely seen. The bodice and long tunic are | wages, better hours, and a promise of better in the line of the Dalai Lamas; and to bring out in one, the latter sweeping down from factory conditions. Now this remarkable the succession of the latest one, the ninth, into the right side of the weist across the front young woman, whose marriage in New York of the skirt in an oblique line edged with a forms one of the most remantic chapters in the The motive for affiliating the new ninth band of sable. The sleeves and top are annals of matrimony, is devoting her elequence,

AND THE CLOAK. family, coolies are hired at 16 cents per day. the So-so-i-ship are placed inside the nominally as regent: and he latterly put in as glittering threads of filmy gold. The sable the Israelites were not, Moses was. the sixth Dalai a dissolute youth, who is re- trimming is worth several hundred pounds, The Munich engineer considers that the ported to have been his own natural sou—and consisting of a deep collar as supple and as Brazen Serpent that Moses set up was this is evidently what the edict referred to in soft as chiffon velvet, cuffs to match on the nothing else than a lightning conductor, and speaking of the succession having been kept in perfectly plain sleeves, and the now in that the serpents against which it guarded the one family. This youth led such a scandalously dispensable border of fur. Inartistic is this children of Israel were the lightning itself. vicious and licentious life that he was dethroned | border, the dark line shortening the apparent | But his most curious speculations are those and put to death, as well as the regent. As a height. It was in fashion in the 'eighties, in the Ark of the Covenant, and of the of their own, who, however, soon turned against for quantities of fur that has seized upon persons who ventured to touch it. He affirms inside a golden arm in the Yung-ho-gung his patrons and had to be deposed, whilst the Registennes and Londoniennes, but more that the Ark with its metal plates was in reality especially the Sounder- A very delightful coat to have Leyden jar charged with electricity. To restore confidence in the purity of the suc- is entirely in pale grey panne, almost covered and that its discharge was powerful enough to cession, the latter three are swept aside in the with exidised silver embroidery and trimmed with chinchilla. A fichu of levely old lace is worked in somehow under the fur collar, emergof the famous fifth Dalai, the most popular and ing with long ends in front, where it is caught respected of the whole series. This new in- with a couple of small diamond clasps, one at carnation of the edict was seen three years later, each side. This bit of lace makes the coat even As we all know, the soft, mixed, cool greys of chinchilla are most favourable to the complexion, whether the weather be fair or dark.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

SNOW-CURE FOR SCIATICA

A German physician recently announced remarkable discovery which he had made, namely, the benefits in the case of rhenmatism and neuralgia which are obtainable from a course of snow massage. Dr. Tarkinea, of Helsingfors, has taken up Dr. Kuhner's discovery, and he has published some striking results in affections of rheumatism and sciatica. In a dozen cases of the first malady nine patients were cured, two alleviated, and one only resisted. Eleven sciatica patients were treated, and of these eight were cured, one relieved, and on two the treatment had no effect.

INSURANCE RISKS ON PADEREWSKI. In these days, when every conceivable risk is insurable, one is scarcely surprised to hear that Paderewski has his fingers, thumbs, eyes, and toes separately and heavily insured. A few mouths ago, indeed, he damaged a fingernail while playing in New York, which necessitated his disappointing an audience at Philadelphia the next night and involved the payment of £1,000 to him under an insurance policy. So much depends upon the perfect fitness of Padoreaski's marvellous fingers and thumbs that the most scrupulous care is taken that no injury shall happen to them.

MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE HELPS STRIKERS. Stimulated by the success of the New York pie-makers in striking for better wages, thousands of blousemaker girls in that city were recently in revolt, headed by Mrs. Rose Phelps Telegraph says, seem rather to have accominated than diminished her sympathy with the cause MOSES AND ELECTRICITY.

It is generally agreed that the ancient Egyptians had some knowledge of electricity. but that the Israelites had any such knewledge has never been put forward as yet. But To be worn with the golden gown is the an engineer of Munich has written an article appropriate cloak, a wonder of a thing in gold in a German review to prove that the damask, the design, picked out with the finest Israelites were electricians. Or at least, if and has cropped up again with this rage terrible death which menaced any sacrilegious kill a man. Only the initiated could approach it with impunity, and that impunity was obtained by the metallic robes of the priests, which reached down to the ground, and carried off the discharge of electricity. The engineer quotes many passages from the Old Testament in support of more becoming than it would be otherwise. his theory, and it is quite possible that Moses. who had learned much of the magic of the Egyptians, had acquired a knowledge of electric city, which in later years was forgotten by the successors of Asron.

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For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT. Superintendent. Hongkong, 27th December, 1909.

#### NOTICE.

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FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

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A. R. LOWE.

Secretary. Hongkong, 21st December, 1909,-

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THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders Telegraphic Address: Press Codes: A.B.C. Report and Statement of Accounts for the Eighteen Months ending 30th June, 1909. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from 22nd to the 29th December, both days inclusive. By Order,

F. ELLIS,

General Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., Victoria, Hongkong on

THURSDAY, the 30th day of December, 1909. at 3 o'clockin the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the Subjoined Resolution, that is to say : -That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered

1. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII. a new paragraph

5. Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several Casses of Shares Thursday, December 30th. all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified altered sub-divided re-arranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the member of the Class provided such agreement shall before the Special Resolution is passed be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at least two-thirds of the Shares of the Class and it shall be no objection to any such Agreement that it provides for a reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a accordance with the rights of the Holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction or part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of this Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by a majority or not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which dinary Resolution has been duly given and so that the quorum of any such &c. Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the

with the provisions hereof. 2. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clauses XVI. a new paragraph as follows :-8. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend may direct payment of such Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in. particular of paid up shares Debentures or Denbenture stock of the MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION | than in Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such moneys and the General Manager shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle in same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Managers. Where requisite a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies' Act, 1900, and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and

Meeting shall be entitled in accordance

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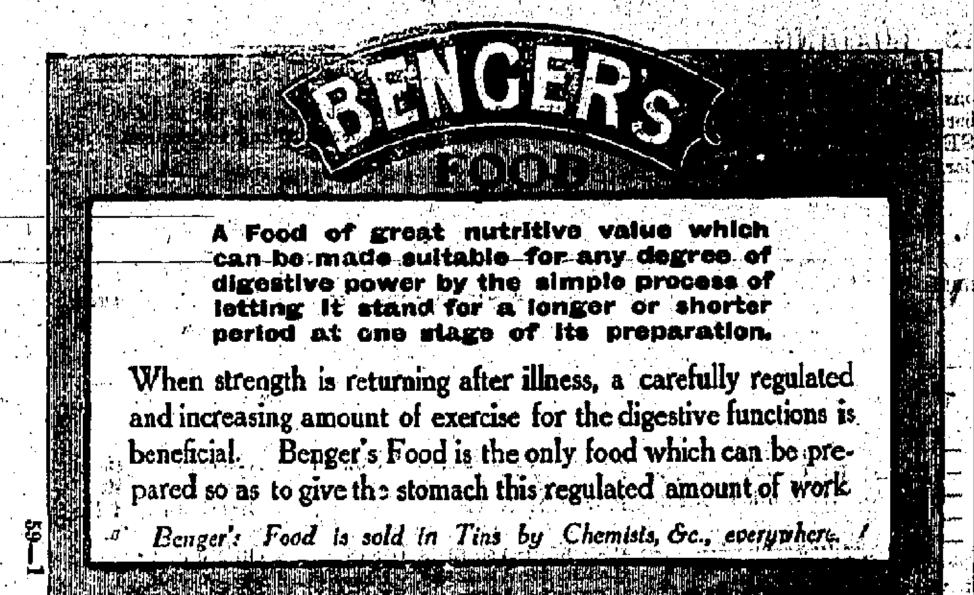
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Mining for wood is the rather unusual industry found at Mongtze, Upper Toukin, by the French Consul. At some time a pine forest was swallowed up, and the trees-lying in slanting direction and some of them a yard in diameter—are covered by eight or ten yards of sandy soil. The perfect preservation of the tons indicates that the trees were buried at a comparatively recent period. The timber supplied seems to be imperishable, and is especially prized by the Chinese as coffin-making material.

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Platinized glass, as is well known, acts as mirror on the illuminated side, but appears like ordinary glass to persons on the darker side. As window panes it serves the usual purpose, while persons on the outside cannot see into the house. Various tricks with this glass have been | white silk, which it had been hoped would enansing amusement in France. In one of these a person approaches a mirror to note his appoarance, when suddenly the mirror disappears when George I. was king. In the following and a grotesque figure stands before the startled reign a somewhat shorter waistcoat was prevalspeciator - this effect being produced by simply turning on illumination behind the glass. Ordinary glass may be readily platinized. solution of a platinum salt is applied thinly to towards the close of the 18th century, and the surface, and the glass is then heated to redness, causing the platinum to be taken up and impart the curious property mentioned The glass loses none of its transparency on the side opposite the stronger illumination.

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An electric current from artificial testh has that the cost to consumer for electricity should been reported by a British dental authority Pain in the patient's tongue had puzzled doctor and dentist, when an electrician, to whom the matter was easually mentioned, examined the advantageous to power stations, as during the | teeth, finding that they were fixed to the composition plate by two metals. A galvanometer test showed that these metals, moistened by the saliva, generated a current strong enough to sause ulceration and severe pain.

#### THE STORY OF THE WAISTCOAT.

The waistcoat—when, at least, it is a "fancy vest"—is the last remaining vestige of the gorgeousness which was once displayed in men's dress; and on October 15, 1666, Popys chronicles its first appearance, on the person of Charles IL. The novel garment was a "long cassock," as the diarist terms it, worn close to the body; it was of "black cloth, pinked with white silk. under it. Commenting on the introduction of the first waistcoat, Pepys says: "I wish the King may keep it, for it is a very fine and handsome garment." Without a doubt, these works show that Pepys hoped that the waistcoat might endure; and so it has come to pass, for from that day to this, although it has undergone many changes, the waistcoat has continued tobe a part of men's dress, and there is nothing tosuggest that it is in danger of being discarded. Men will agree that the waistcoat is a convenient and commendable garment, the absence of which would deprive them; to speak of noother discomfort, of an invaluable set of pockets. It appears strange, therefore, that it should not have come into being at an earlier date. But as. the close-fitting, slashed doublet-itself as braveand showy a garment as the vanity of man

still worn in the time of the first Stuart Soxereign, it is not difficult to suggest an explanation. The close doublet concealed the inner garment, whatever it may have been; the waistcoat proper was not evolved until the doublet, undergoing transformation into a coat, began to grow longer and looser, and to be worn slightly open so that the inner garment But this medification of the doublet did not at once bring the waist coat into existence. Lengthening doublets, or coats, characterise the costume of Charles the First's time; they were, however, buttoned as far as the waist, at which point they allowed the shirt to be seen. In these waist-buttoned doublets the frockcoat of to-day is faintly foreshadowed, but it is clear that there were no waistcoats under them. The current fashion was to show the shirt, a strange hiatus

could desire-remained long in vogue, being

between doublet and breeches. Soon after the Restoration a sleeveless vest, which likewise left the waist open, was worn under the doubtlet; it was not a true waistcoat. This style of dress was brought from France by Charles II. From beneath the fullness of shirt exposed by the open vest "the breeches displayed their expanded width," with bunches of ribbon at the waist and lace ruffles below the knees; the doublet worn over the vest was richly laced and embreidered. So costly was this mode of attire that the king resolved to give the leadtowards a more economical and sober fashion, and in the fulfilment of this design he donned the garment which Pepys hailed with so much pleasure. As it fitted to the body and extended over the weist, it was well calculated to accomplish its purpose. It interfered with much of the fanciful adornment which had accompanied the short open vest; the splendid breeches, for example, were shorn of their ornamental bunches of ribbon that had dangled at the waist-line, and other retrenchments followed.

Such were the circumstances which attended the introduction of the waistcoat. It came in the name of economy and reform, but ere long developed into as expensive and decorative a garment as any which man has ever taken to himself. Gradually, it was extended downwards till it almost reached the knees; it was made of the richest materials; and the outer coat was shaped to hang well open to display its magnificence. Extravagance and love of finery were simply trans-ferred from one style to another, and on the waist-coat was lavished all the embellishment which previously had been bestowed on the breeches. Those flowered and embroidered waistcoats of sheeny satin, with laced flaps, may certainly have been less troublesome and fantastic than Peeling plating was found on other instruments. the preceding fashion, but whether they reduced the wearer's account with his tailor is highly doubtful. Certainly, their utilitarian purpose was utterly forgotten; they were so long as to require a dozen buttons, more or less, but from the waist upwards they were left unfastened to disclose the richly frilled shirt. This was a very different garment from the "cassock" of sober black, tastefully relieved with glimpses of courage a more restrained style of dress. The long-flapped waistcoat remained in favour

many years. It was still worn by noblemen ent, and from this time the flap began to decrease in length. Instead of reaching almost to the knee it came only half-way down the A thigh; as men's dress became more simplified puffing, lace, and ombraidery were abandoned, che flap disappeared altogether. Some resemblance to it, however, is produced by the custom (which is said to be specially affected by Etonians) of leaving the bottom button of the waist-

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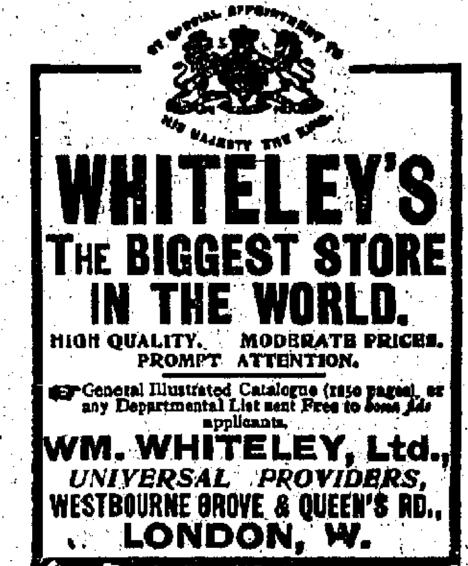
Compared with its forerunners, the inferiority of the present-day waistcoat must be admitted. We should be thankful, on the other hand, that it has fewer fastoning; and after all it still permits to us some mitigation of the sombreness of masculine attire. Time was when men vied with the ladies in richness of dress. That men, or some men continue to hanker after a little dash and colour in their apparel the existence of the "fancy vest demonstrates clearly. Did not the member of the Stock Exchange on one occasion offer rizes with the landable design of encouraging taste in regard to these decorative garments P A really nice waist-cont is-to adopt the medical dictum concerning fine clothes - a mental tonic. Like flowers on one's work-table, it tends to promote a cheerful frame of mind. -Globe.

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Dec.-Chinking 21st Dec. General-Butterfield & Swire. TIENTSIN, British str., 1.228, F. Royd, 26th Dec.--Chinkiang 22nd Dec., General-Butterfield & Swire.

DEPARTURES. 25th December. CHINHUA, British str., for Shanghai. DELTA, British str., for Europe, &c. FOULA, Norwegian str., for Kobe. FRI, Norwegian str., for Haiphong. HELLAS, German str., for Singapore. KEONGWAL, German str., for Swatow. KIUKIANG, British str., for Hongay. Ovio, British str., for Vladivostock. SEXTA, German str., for Saigon, YESAN MARU, Japanese str., for Moji.

26th December. CLEVELAND, Ger. str., for Nagasaki. DAIJIN MARU, Jap. str., for Swatow. HAIMUN, British str., for Swatow. Wongkor, German str., for Swatow.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British str. Kashing reports: Moderate to fresh monsoon, fine weather. The Chinese str. Heing Thun reports: Voyage commonsed with fine weather; off Tung Yung strong Northerly gale. The Chinese str. Chintufu reports: Fine

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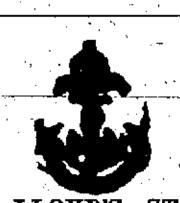
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|            | MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c<br>MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP   | PEMBROKESHIRE               | Brit. str.            |   | Hayes                   | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE<br>JARDINE, MATHESON, & Co., Ld                 | On 20th Jan.<br>About 25th Jan.   |
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| 8,`<br>"-  | NEW YORK  | BRACHAR                     | Brit. str             | _   |                         | Dodwell & Co., Ltd  | To-morrow, P.M. To-morrow. On 4th Jan   |
| h          | VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAL JAPAN. &c  | VANDALIA                    | Ger. str              | k.w.  | Karberg                 | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LININ   | On 19th Jan.<br>On 1st Jan. at 7 A.M.   |
|            | VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATLLE VIA JAPAN<br>VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.<br>VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE, &c.   | MONTEAGLE                   | Brit. str             | 1 m.  | J. Boyd                 | Dodwell & Co., Ltd Canadian Pacific R. Co                             | On 13th Jan.<br>On 15th Feb., at Noon   |
| lı<br>     | VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, &c  | INABA MARU                  | Jap. str.             |   | M. Yagi                 | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA   | On 19th Jan.  |
| l          | CALLAO, IQUIQUE, &c., via Japan Ports, &c AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA   | KIYO MARU                   | Jap, str              |   | D. Lenz                 |   | On 26th Feb., at Noon.  |
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|            | KOBE & YOKOHAMA<br>NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA<br>NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOAHMA   | ATSUTA MARU                 | Jap. str              | · — :                                       | R. Takeda               | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA   | On 8th Jan., at D'light<br>On 14th Jan., at Noon.                             |
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| ,          | TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY  | DAIGH MARU                  | Brit. str             | - 1 m                                       | H. Murayama             | OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA   | On 2nd Jan., at 10 A.M.   |
|            | SWATOW, AMOY & FUOUNOW  | HAITAN                      | Brit. str             |   | J. S. Roach             |   | On 30th inst., at 10 A.M.   |
| 1          | MANILA  | YUENSANG ZAFIRO             | Brit. str             | _   | P. H. Rolfe             | Butterfield & Swire  Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld  Shewan, Tones & Co  | On 31st inst., at 4 p.w.  |
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Capt. J. S. Roach FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STRAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

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DATE OF SAILING. STHAMERS DESTINATION MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHA- ) "CANTON" ...... About 5th Jan.,1910. GEN, GOTHENBURG and BALTIC PORTS "INDIEN" ..... On 17th Jan., SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE Middle of Febr. . COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS ... "INDIEN"

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.) STEAMERS + SHANGHAI ... "LIENSHING" ... Tuesday, 28th Dec., Noon. SAMARANG & SOURABAYA ...... "CHUNSANG"... Tuesday, 28th Dec., 4 P.M. † SHANGHAI ... "TINGSANG" ... Wed'day, 29th Dec., 4 P.M. + SINGAPURE PENANG & CALCUTTA" NAMSANG" ... Friday, 31st Dec., Noon. \* SHANGHAI ...... "KINGSANG" ... Friday, 31st Dec., 4 P.M. • MANILA... "YUENSANG" Friday, 31st Dec., 4 P.M. "KWONGSANG" Sunday, 2nd Jan , D'light † SHANGHAI SINGAPORE PENANG & CALCUTTA "KUMSANG" Wed'day, 5th Jan., Noon, "LOONGSANG" Friday, 7th Jan., 4 P.M. \*SH'HAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI ... "FOOKSANG" ... Friday, 21st Jan., Noon.

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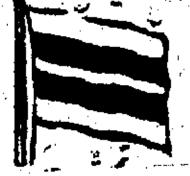
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

SAILING DATES STEAMERS. WED'DAY, 5th Jan., S TANGO MARU at Daylight. Capt. A. Christiansen, 8,000 § KAMO MARU ) WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at Daylight. Capt. F. L. Sommer, 9,000 J AKI MARU-WED'DAY, 2nd Feb., Capt. K. Sato at Daylight. 7,000

WED'DAY, 19th Jan.

SATURDAY, 29th

TUESDAY, 28th

December.

January.

WED'DAY, 19th Jan.,

Jan., from KOBE.

from YOKOHAMA.

VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (INABA MARU leaving Hongkong 8th Jan., due Kobe 13th Jan., connects) ... VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (NIKKO MARU leaving

SANUKI MARU Hongkong 19th Jan., due Kobe Capt. K. Homma 25th & Yokohama 27th Jan., connects) SYDNEY and MELBOURNE,

FRIDAY, 21st Jan., YAWATA MARU 5,000 f at Noon. Capt. T. Sekine. NIKKO MARU THURSDAY, 17th Febr., at Noon. 6,000 } Capt. M. Yagi,

ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE BOMBAY via SINGAPORE STAKASAKI MARU and COLOMBO سانت (∗ . . . .

via MANILA, THURSDAY

SHANGHAI, MOJI and I TOTOMI MARU TUESDAY, 4th 4,500 ... Capt. R. Smith. INABA MARU SATURDAY, 8th

Capt. A. Mocker,

Jan. st Daylight. Capt. R. Takeda. 1 FRIDAY, 14th and ATSUTA MARU Jan., at NOON. Capt. Wm. Thompsen, 9,000

YOKOHAMA ... NIKKO MARU NAGASAKI, KOBE YOKOHAMA...

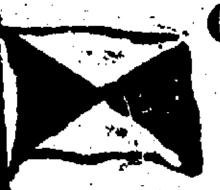
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909.

T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER.



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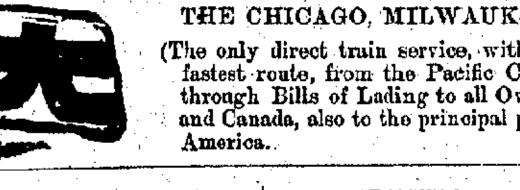
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Postal Guides for the Year 1910, are now on sale 50 cents each.

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| Macao                                  | ***         |                 | <del> </del> |            | Sui Tai             | Monday, 27th, 9.00 A                              |
| Swatow                                 | and Bangk   | ok              |              |            |                     | Monday, 27th, 9:00 A                              |
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| Swatow,                                | Amoy and    | Foothow         |              |            | . 7                 | Tuesday, 28th, 9.00 A                             |
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|  | Amoy and    | Foodbow         | • . • • •    |            | l'ingsang<br>Haitan | Wednesday, 29th, 3.00 P<br>Thursday, 30th, 9.00 A |
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Meeting, China Light and P. wer Co., Ld. Saturday, 1st January - Fifth Annual Sports of Children's Races, Kowloon Cricket Club.

### VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The T.K.K. str. Chiyo Maru is due to arri at Hongkong this morning. THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China str. Kumsang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. Derflinger, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 1st inst., left Singapore on the 24th inst., at p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 30th inst. a.m.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. Coblene left Sydney on Thursday, the 16th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 7th prox.

THE CANADIAN MAIL. The C.P.R. str. Empress of China left Vancouver for Hongkong on the 18th instant a.m., via the usual ports of call,

MERCHANT STRAMERS. The N.Y.K. str. Takasaki Maru (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 21st inst... and is expected here to-day.

22nd instant, and is due at this port to-day. The Ben Line str. Benlarig from Middlesbro' and London left Singapore on the 18th instant, for this port,

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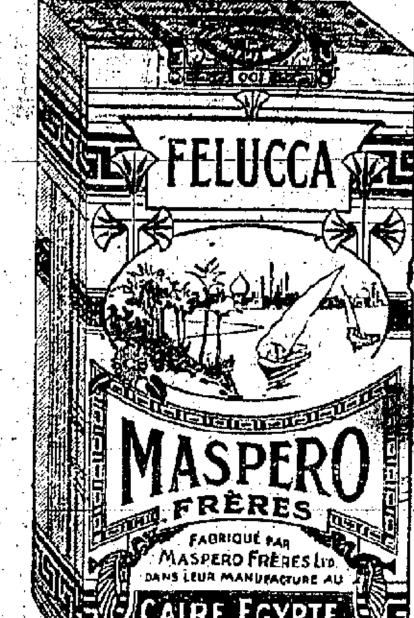
The I.G.M. str. Prinz Sigismund left Kobe on the 22nd instant, at 8 p.m., and may be Bode. Mr and Mrs Marvin, Mr and Mrs expected here on or about the 29th inst a m expected here on or about the 29th inst. a.m. The Danish str. Indien left Port Said on the 20th instant, and may be expected here on or

about the 17th prox. The Eng Hok Fong S.S. Co.'s str. Persia arrived at Manzanillo, Mexico, on the 15th inst.. Aldersley. sailed for Hongkong, via Mazatlan and Guaymas on the 21st inst., and is due here on or about the 24th-prox

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL. Dec. 1st-Bravilia, Albenga, Glenearn. 4th-Tranquebar, Vorwacris, St. George, Sumatra. 8th-Derflinger, Benvorlick, Carnarvonskire, Interia, Priam. 11th-Indrasamha, Nera. 15th Kaisow. 18th-Atsuta Maru, Austria, Coulsdon, Hyson, Oopack, Pera. 22nd-Bencleugh, Bloemfontein, Dardanus, Indien. Nyanza, Pathan, P. E. Friedrich, Segovia. 24th-Astyanax, Belgravia. Kintuck, Hitachi Maru, Kleist, Tourane, Wakasa Maru.

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before 10 A.M., To-DAY, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All claims must be sent in to me on or before

the 29th inst., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 29th inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. P. THOMAS.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909.

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